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SUBJECT: SOVIET WEEKLY CHARGES USIA AND VOA WITH ANTI-DETENTE,
ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA

THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES OF THE WEST, THE USA PRIMARILY, BOTH
FEAR THE IMPACT OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT AND CITE IT TO JUSTIFY
WIDE-RANGING EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES,
WARNS A FULL-PAGE ARTICLE IN THE WEEKLY "AZ RUBEZHOM" (#40).
FASCISM IS RENASCENT IN THE WEST, AUTHOR YU. NALIN CHARGES.
AND THE VOA, FOREIGN BROADCASTERS IN GENERAL, COLORFUL FOREIGN
MAGAZINES, EVEN THE SUGGESTED REORGANIZATION OF USIA ARE
SEEN AS MEANS FOR SPREADING DISSENSION WITHIN THE
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. CITING THE APRIL PLENARY SESSION OF
THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPSU, NALIN REMINDS HIS READERS
THAT THE IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE DOES NOT IMPLY A
WEAKENING OF THE "IDEOLOGICAL WAR," FOR "THE ENEMIES OF PEACE AND
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SOCIALISM HAVE NOT LAID DOWN THEIR ARMS; THEY CONTINUE

UNDERMINING PROPAGANDA WORK AGAINST THE PEACE PROGRAMS OF THE USSR."

2. ENTITLED "IDEOLOGICAL ATTACKS FROM THE RIGHT" NALIN'S ARTICLE SINGLES OUT THE USA AMONG THE COUNTRIES OPPOSING "COOPERATION AMONG PEOPLES" IN THE POST-CSCE ERA. NOT ONLY HAS THE "FINAL ACT BEEN PRACTICALLY CONCEALED" FROM THE PUBLIC IN NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, HE SAYS, BUT "WESTERN PROPAGANDA SERVICES TRY TO RESTRICT ALL INTERPRETATIONS OF THE CSCE AND THE FINAL ACT TO ONE QUESTION -- THE USSR POSITION ON HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER FIELDS." THE WEST'S CLAIMS THAT THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE "DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS" PER THE FINAL ACT TO "LIBERALIZE THEIR INTERNAL STRUCTURES" AND NOTHING BUT "ATTEMPTS BY CERTAIN WESTERN FORCES TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL LIFE OF THE SOCIALIST STATES," NALIN CHARGES.

3. THE "INTERNATIONAL NEO-FASCIST CENTER MET SECRETLY IN LYON," NALIN ALLEGES, TO PLAN REPLACING WITH FASCIST DICTATORSHIPS THOSE BOURGEOIS GOVERNMENTS WHICH "CANNOT HANDLE LEFT TENDENCIES." TERRORIST ACTIVITIES WERE PLANNED, ACCORDING TO NALIN, AS WELL AS THE DISSEMINATION OF FASCIST PROPAGANDA ESPECIALLY AMONG YOUTH.

4. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND OF WESTERN SOCIETIES' STEELING THEMSELVES AGAINST THE IMPACT OF THE TRUE MEANING OF DETENTE AND WITH FASCISM AGAIN ON THE MOVE, "AMERICAN RULING CIRCLES INTEND TO CARRY OUT AN IMPORTANT REORGANIZATION OF THE INFORMATION-PROPAGANDA SERVICE TO ADAPT IT TO THE CHANGED ENVIRONMENT AND TO COORDINATE ITS WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE US GOVERNMENT." NALIN CITES THE 27TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE U.S. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INFORMATION: "DETENTE 'DOES NOT MEAN THE LESSENING OF IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT,' BUT, AS INTERNATIONAL TENSION DECREASES, THE ROLE OF MASS MEDIA AND MASS PROPAGANDA INCREASES."

5. AS EVIDENCE, NALIN SINGLES OUT THE PROPOSAL TO BUILD NEW VOA TRANSMITTERS AND TO ENHANCE THE ROLE OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL WORKING AS PROPAGANDIST IN THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. HE CITES THE SPECIAL ATTENTION PAID TO RADIO STATIONS BROADCASTING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND NOTES AS INSIDIOUS DEVICES "PROPAGANDA CARRIED OUT BY EXPANDING TOURISM AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE, EXHIBITS AND PERSONAL CONTACTS."

6. IN HIS CONCLUDING PARAGRAPHS, NALIN CENTERS ON FOREIGN RADIO STATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH SUPPORT THEM. VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND REACTIONARY GROUPS ARE FORMED IN THE WEST, NALIN WARNS, TO "ATTACK THE SOVIET DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM,

SOCIALIST FREEDOM AND LAW, WHICH PROTECT THE TRANQUIL LIFE OF THE USSR CITIZEN FROM THE UNINVITED WELL-WISHERS FROM ABROAD."

7. THESE GROUPS AND THEIR PROPAGANDA ORGANS WORK TO DESTROY THE INTERNAL HARMONY OF THE SOCIALIST STATES BY AROUSING NATIONAL TENSIONS, NALIN SAYS, NOTING THE SPECIAL ATTENTION PAID TO SOVIET CENTRAL ASIAN NATIONALITIES. FURTHER, FOREIGN PROPAGANDA TRIES TO "IMPLANT" IN ITS AUDIENCE "EGOISM, INDIVIDUALISM AND ENVY, TO ENCOURAGE A DESIRE TO PURCHASE THINGS, TO ACQUIRE PERSONAL WEALTH CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF THE COLLECTIVE."

8. MORE SPECIFICALLY, NALIN CONTINUES, THE PURPOSE OF THE "ATTACKS FROM THE RIGHT" IS TO DISCREDIT THE CSCE GOALS WITH ANY EYE TO THE APPROACHING XXV PARTY CONGRESS.

9. COMMENT: THOUGH LONG, STERNLY WORDED AND MORE SPECIFIC THAN MOST, NALIN'S ARTICLE IS IN LINE WITH THE POST-HELSINKI SOVIET MEDIA EFFORT TO DEFINE THE LIMITS OF DETENTE FOR SOVIET READERS, MAINLY BY ATTACKING THE WESTERN MEDIA AND, IN THIS CASE,, USIA AMONG OTHERS. IT IS BASICALLY ADVICE TO THE UNWARY (AND MARCHING ORDERS TO AGITPROP TYPES), AND IT BEARS WITNESS TO THE SOVIET IDEOLOGISTS' DILEMMA IN THE DETENTE EAR. CITING TEXTS AND NOTING THE WORK OF PAST PARTY CONGRESSES MAY BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE CONVERTED, BUT IT IS UNLIKELY TO SHIELD THE OTHERS FROM THE APPEAL OF THE WEST'S "COLORFUL" MAGAZINES AND INFORMATIVE BROADCASTS. STOESEL

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